

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording medium reproduction apparatus for reproducing a recording medium in which recorded data and recording medium side reproduction restriction information for restricting

5 reproduction of the recorded data is recorded,

said recording medium reproduction apparatus comprising:

recording means in which apparatus side reproduction restriction information related to recording medium side reproduction restriction information is recorded;

10 information reading means which reads the apparatus side reproduction restriction information recorded in said recording means and also reads the recording medium side reproduction restriction information from the recording medium before reproducing the recorded data from the recording medium;

15 comparing means which compares the apparatus side reproduction restriction information with the recording medium side reproduction restriction information each read from said information reading means;

20 determination means which determines whether reproduction of the recorded data is to be allowed or not based on the comparison result of said comparing means: and

control means which stops reproduction of the recorded data and outputs and displays the recording medium side reproduction restriction information when said determination
25 means determines that the reproduction of the recorded data

is not allowed.

2. The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 1, wherein

5 the recording medium side reproduction restriction information is a region code.

3. A recording medium reproduction apparatus for reproducing a recording medium in which recorded data and recording medium
10 side reproduction restriction information for restricting reproduction of the recorded data is recorded,

said recording medium reproduction apparatus comprising:

recording member in which apparatus side reproduction
restriction information related to recording medium side
15 reproduction restriction information is recorded;

information reading member which reads the apparatus side
reproduction restriction information recorded in said recording
member and also reads the recording medium side reproduction
restriction information from the recording medium before
20 reproducing the recorded data from the recording medium;

comparing member which compares the apparatus side
reproduction restriction information with the recording medium
side reproduction restriction information each read from said
information reading member;

25 determination member which determines whether

reproduction of the recorded data is to be allowed or not based on the comparison result of said comparing member: and

control member which stops reproduction of the recorded data and outputs and displays the recording medium side reproduction restriction information when said determination member determines that the reproduction of the recorded data is not allowed.

4. The recording medium reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

the recording medium side reproduction restriction information is a region code.